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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPL THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1. after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a rep - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statut - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailin earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Status	136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be t ly within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) da will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS froi e, cause the application to become ABANDON	imely filed ays will be considered timely. m the mailing date of this communication. ED (35 U.S.C. § 133).			
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 C	October 2003.				
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL . 2b) ☑ This	action is non-final.				
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims					
4) Claim(s) 10-45 is/are pending in the application.					
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>20-45</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>10-19</u> is/are allowed.					
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.					
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	or election requirement.				
9) The specification is objected to by the Examina	er.				
10)⊠ The drawing(s) filed on <u>03 April 2002</u> is/are: a)⊠ accepted or b)□ objected to by the Examiner.					
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).					
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:					
1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No					
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet.					
37 CFR 1.78.					
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.					
14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.					
Attachment(s)					
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		y (PTO-413) Paper No(s)			
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) §		Patent Application (PTO-152)			
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Applicant's election with traverse of Invention I in Paper No. 10 is acknowledged. The traversal does not include any statement regarding why the restriction is not proper. Therefore, the requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.
- 2. This application contains claims 20-45 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 10. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 10-19 are allowed.

Reissue Applications

4. The original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Hartmann whose telephone number is 703-305-4549. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached on 703-308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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